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Be a Hero, Adopt a Dog



In celebration of Adopt-A-Dog Month this October, the Chula Vista Animal Care Facility is waiving their \$75 fee to adopt any dog over one year of age. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, and even micro-chipped to ensure a quick reunion should your pet get lost.

In 2009, animal shelters across the nation received ten percent more abandoned pets than last year, mostly due to foreclosures and relocations amid the harsh economy. Overpopulation of these shelters often leads to the unfortunate euthanasia of healthy animals. Here's your opportunity to be a hero and adopt a dog!

One such hero is Chula Vista resident Kelly Preston who has adopted four dogs from various shelters, including three with special needs. "I've made many small sacrifices," Preston said, "but I'd do it all over again." Her dogs have taught her to remain patient, not to pass judgment and of course—unconditional love.

If you or someone you know is interested in adopting a pet, visit www.chulavistaca.gov/pets.

Above the Call

Police officers save lives on a regular basis, but how many fly across the country using their vacation time to save a stranger's life? That's exactly what School Resource Officer Oliver Demery did in May 2008 when he was identified as the only matching donor for a dying woman in need of a bone marrow transplant. Thanks to Officer Demery's courage and selfless gift, the woman is doing well. Officer Demery, a 15 year veteran of the Chula Vista Police Department, will be honored later this month as the local VFW "Officer of the Year" for going beyond the call of duty.

A New Chapter

Please welcome Betty Waznis as Director of Library Services for the City, who starts a new chapter in her career on October 9. For the past three years, Waznis held the title of Assistant Library Director at the San Diego County Library and has 30 years of library experience.

BMX World Cup

Last month, the United States Olympic Training Center (OTC) in eastern Chula Vista hosted the BMW Supercross World Cup Event where 122 athletes competed from 16 countries across the

Proudly representing America on their home turf, the US team claimed four of eight spots in the finals, and secured a pair of medals. A crowd of over 3,000 joined the action on the campus of the OTC, which is typically closed to the general public.

Fortunately, visitors who encompass the Olympic spirit can tour the 150-acre state-of-the-art facility absolutely free of charge! Self-guided tours, guided tours and scheduled group tours are available to accommodate all preferences. Visit http://teamusa.org/content/index/1375 for more information.



Happening this month:

The City and SDG&E will host an energy-efficient light exchange on Saturday, October 10 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the South Chula Vista Branch Library. Bring your incandescent light bulbs (up to five) and halogen lamps, and a valid California

ID or a copy of your SDG&E bill to exchange for energy-





Were you aware that "Chula Vista" means "beautiful view" in Spanish? To help keep our City clean and beautiful, Mayor Cheryl Cox and the Chula Vista City Council, in collaboration with I Love A Clean San Diego, will host the seventh annual Beautify Chula Vista Day. The popular clean-up event is scheduled for Saturday, October 17. Volunteers are needed to help pick up trash along City streets. All volunteers must register prior to the event at www.beautifychulavista.org.

Summer Saver

Although the calendar says "fall," our mild climate allows air conditioning use almost year-round. If you would like to save money and the environment, sign up for the free Summer Saver Program sponsored by the City and SDG&E. The A/C cycling program,

for both residential and commercial consumers, reduces the run-time of your central A/C system during select conservation periods. This helps reduce the need for rolling blackouts and normally only affects the temperature at your home or business by 1-3 degrees. For more information, contact conservation@ci.chula-vista.ca.us. To enroll in the program, visit www.summersaverprogram.com.

Did You Know?

...Parkway Community Center has been voted "Best Recreation Center" in a recent Best of South County poll. Stop by and see why! From pick-up basketball, to swim lessons, to "Diaper Daredevils," the Parkway complex has been the South County recreational mecca for over a half-century. Log on to www.chulavistaca.gov/rec to learn more.

......Chula Vista continues its environmental leadership role by successfully reporting its greenhouse gas or "carbon" emissions through the California Climate Action Registry. Our city is the first local government in San Diego County to meet the Registry's high standards and be designated as a

"Climate Action Leader."

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City Clerk

Main Line Passport Appointment Online Appointment 409-1949 CLICK HERE

City Manager/Administration

691-5031 Main Line Communications/ 691-5296 Media Relations

Code Enforcement 691-5280

409-3893 Conservation

Developmental Services

Engineering 691-5272 691-5101 409-5888 Building Small Business Services Small Business Programs CLICK HERE

Finance

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Emergency 691-5055 691-5029 Main Line Prevention Division CLICK HERE Prevention Online

Human Resources Main Line

691-5096 691-5095 Job Hotline 409-5924 Volunteering

Library Civic Center Branch South Branch 585-5755 397-3980 691-5000 EastLake Branch Volunteering Online Branch CLICK HERE

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Nature Center Nature Center Online

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409-5900

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Public Works

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Recreation

Administration 409-5979 CLICK HERE Recreation Online CV Woman's Club 691-5083 421-7032 691-5082 Heritage Center Loma Verde Center 691-5081 691-5269 Loma Verde Pool Montevalle Center 691-5086 476-5325 691-5083 Norman Park Center Otay Center Parkway Center Parkway Pool Parkway Gym 691-5088 691-5084 585-5739 Salt Créek Center Veterans Center 691-5260

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